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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>10/31/05</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Interpretation

2. In view of the claim language, "a coated metal powder coated on the surface of the ferromagnetic metal powder with the coating material", the coating material that is coated on the ferromagnetic metal powder also includes "a coated metal powder" (claim 1, lines 4 and 5). Thus, as drafted claim 1 is directed to a coated ferromagnetic powder metal powder coated with a coating material wherein the coating material is a phosphoric acid compound containing aluminum and the coating material also contains a coated metal powder. In other words, the claimed metal powder is itself coated with a coating that contains coated particles and a phosphoric acid compound containing aluminum.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, First Paragraph

3. Claims 1 to 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a coated ferromagnetic metal powder coated with a coating material wherein the coating material is a phosphoric acid compound which

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contains aluminum, the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for the claimed invention as set forth above under the heading, "Claim Interpretation". The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

4. The specification teaches how to make a coated ferromagnetic metal powder coated with a coating material wherein the coating material is a phosphoric acid compound which contains aluminum. However, the specification does not teach how to make the claimed coated ferromagnetic metal powder which is itself coated with a coating that contains coated particles and additionally phosphoric acid compound containing aluminum. Claims 1 to 15 as presently drafted are not directed to the disclosed invention.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John P. Sheehan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1249. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F (6:45-4:30) Second Monday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King can be reached on (571) 272-1244. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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